

April 1, 2013

Re: 2013 Infrastructure Construction Grant Round

On behalf of the Board of University and School Lands (Land Board), the Energy Infrastructure and Impact Office is accepting grant applications from cities experiencing infrastructure needs as a direct result of oil and gas development. This first round of city construction grant requests is in advance of the 2013-2015 biennium, which starts on July 1.

The Land Board will begin accepting applications in advance of the effective date of the anticipated legislative appropriation, in order for communities to prepare in advance of the construction season. The Legislature is still considering funding alternatives, but the amount for the energy impact grant program for the 2013-2015 biennium ranges from \$150 million to \$224 million.

This grant round will focus on city infrastructure projects that are ready to construct, which could include water treatment facilities, waste water facilities, trunk lines and other city projects intended to support population growth. Counties, townships and other political subdivisions will be encouraged to participate in grant opportunities during the upcoming year.

Applications will be reviewed based on need, readiness and impact, with grant recommendations formulated by an advisory committee. The Land Board will make award commitments in late May or early June, dependent upon final action and funds approved by the 2013 Legislature. Grant requests for one-time projects related to building or improving physical assets will receive preferential consideration. A lower priority will be given to applications seeking funds for ongoing costs and projects that are less directly related to oil and gas development.

The Energy Impact Office will be accepting grant applications from cities through April 30, 2013. Application forms and additional information are on the North Dakota Energy Impact web site: www.nd.gov/energyimpact. This internet site contains both a PDF form or a MS Word version of the application form. Completed applications and supporting materials can be mailed to Department of Trust Lands office or e-mailed to energyimpact@nd.gov.

Please contact Gerry Fisher or me at the above phone number or e-mail address with questions.

Sincerely,

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